

## Message Text

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ACTION PM-03

INFO OCT-01 NEA-10 ISO-00 SS-15 PRS-01 DODE-00 IO-10 SP-02

DLOS-05 NSC-05 NSCE-00 EB-07 PA-02 USIA-15 CIAE-00

INR-07 NSAE-00 RSC-01 H-02 /086 W

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R 050625Z DEC 74

FM AMEMBASSY ABU DHABI

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2309

INFO AMEMBASSY CAIRO

AMEMBASSY JIDDA

AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS

AMEMBASSY KUWAIT

AMEMBASSY MANAMA

AMEMBASSY MUSCAT

AMEMBASSY TEHRAN

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UNCLAS ABU DHABI 1705

KUWAIT PASS DOHA

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: MPOL, PFOR, TC, US

SUBJ: UAE REACTION TO CONSTELLATION EXCURSION

REF: STATE 257818

1. ALTHOUGH LOCAL PRESS DID REPORT EXCURSION INTO GULF OF AIRCRAFT CARRIER CONSTELLATION AND EVENT APPARENTLY TOPIC OF CONVERSATION HZOE FOR MAN IN STREET, PRESS REACTION HAS GENERALLY BEEN LOW KEY, DRAWING PRIMARILY ON OUTSIDE SOURCES. GOVERNMENT DAILY AL-ITTIHAD NOV 28 REPEATED STORIES FROM BOTH AL-AHRAM (CAIRO) AND AL-WATTAN (KUWAIT) EXPRESSING VIEW EXCURSION SHOW OF MUSCLE ON PART OF USG. PAPER DID NOT, HOWEVER, CARRY FULL TEXT OF AL-AHRAM EDITORIAL (CAIRO 9640) AND IMPRESSION LEFT BY QUOTES USED HERE CONSIDERABLY Milder THAN THAT OF ORIGINAL.

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2. INDEPENDENT (PRIVATELY OWNED) DAILY AL-WAHDAH DEC 1

CARRIED INTERVIEW WITH SYRIAN AMBASSADOR TO UAE IN WHICH  
HE TOO DECLARED EXCURSION SHOW OF STRENGTH AND STATED  
POLICY OF THREATENING THROUGH MOVING OF FLEETS  
NO LONGER VALID IN PRESENT ERA.

3. ONLY LOCAL COMMENT WAS IN AL-WAHDAH ISSUE OF NOV. 28 IN  
FORM OF ARTICLE BY PAPER'S CHIEF EDITOR WHO CHARACTERIZED VISIT  
AS SUSPICIOUS AND LINKED IT TO ALLEGED CIA ACTIVITY IN GULF  
AREA AND USG POLICY OF INTERFERING TO PROTECT ITS OWN INTERESTS.

4. THERE HAS BEEN NO PUBLIC REACTION FROM UAEG.  
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